

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A flexible packaging (10) comprising a body (22) initially closed at one end in a region intended to be open, the body (22) comprising at least one main face (26) formed from two sections (26A, 26B) whose longitudinal edges are bonded to each other along a longitudinal weld (14) lying along the height of the body (22) substantially in the central part of the main face (26), at least one of the sections (26A, 26B) extending outside the body beyond the longitudinal weld (14) in order to form a flap (36), characterized in that it comprises a line of weakness (42) which favors tearing and which is formed on the flap (36) along the longitudinal weld (14), the said line of weakness (42) defining, on the flap (36), at least one strip (43A; 43B) which can be detached at least locally from the body (22) of the packaging and an adhesive (44; 46) borne by a strip (43A; 43B), which adhesive (44; 46) is suitable for providing subsequent sticking of the strip against the outer surface of the packaging.

2. (original): The packaging as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the flap (36) comprises, in the region bearing the adhesive (44, 46), superimposed extensions (38A, 38B) of the two sections (26A, 26B).

3. (original): The packaging as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the flap (36) comprises, in the region bearing the adhesive (44, 46), only one (38B) of the extensions of the two sections (26A, 26B).

4. (currently amended): The packaging as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the longitudinal weld (14) is of ~~the~~ an outer face against inner face type.

5. (currently amended): The packaging as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the longitudinal weld (14) is of ~~the~~ an inner face against inner face type.

6. (previously presented): The packaging as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the adhesive (44; 46) is placed along one face of a strip (43A; 43B) turned toward the body (22) of the packaging.

7. (previously presented): The packaging as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the adhesive (44; 46) is a pressure-sensitive adhesive, which adhesive is initially inserted between a strip (43A; 43B) and the outer surface of one (26A) of the packaging sections, the adhesion force of the adhesive to the surface of the strip (43A; 43B) being greater than the adhesion force of the adhesive to the outer surface of the section (26A).

8. (previously presented): The packaging as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a detachable protective film (48) initially covering the adhesive (46) borne by the strip.

9. (previously presented): The packaging as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the adhesive is an adhesive chosen from the group consisting of a hotmelt, a cold-setting adhesive, a double-sided adhesive tape and an adhesive bead.